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B-G 'Let's Forget It' Declaration Awaited

THE answer of the Moroccan authorities to the appeal, "Let My People Go," has been in the negative. Since MOROCCAN the "Pisces" Jews' capsize a month ago, reports from Morocco indicate that the plight of the Jewish community there is rapidly becoming disastrous. In fact, Jews are being put beyond the protection of the law.

Historians could tell the Moroccan ruler that official Jew-baiting never pays. It is a sure indication of the weakness of a regime. We suspect that today, the King himself would not be able to stop the wave of oppression which his subjects have shown towards the Jews, because such an act would be considered by the populace to be anti-national.

King Mohammed VI has been noticed, during the recent visit to the U.A.R. President, that Nasser was more popular in Morocco than was healthy for the regime. Possibly, he may regret today that he gave way to Nasser's insistence on Morocco's joining the anti-Israel campaign, where he is still able to stop Cairo's encroachments on the north-west African coast is a question to which only he can give an answer.

Meanwhile, the Jews have again become the scapegoats of a national infidelity. Although only scant news items seep out from Rabat and Casablanca, enough is known to make one fear for the fate of the defenceless Jewish community. A natural defence of the defenceless is sympathy, and to arouse sympathy, one cries out. It may not be a very heroic way of fighting for one's freedom, but it is often the only possible way — as in the case of the Moroccan Jews.

The chances of inducing the world to exercise pressure on the Moroccan Government and let its Jewish community emigrate are slight indeed. The age of the Sputnik is perhaps just as insensitive as the age of the troglodytes. Generally, the world is less sensible to the Jew's plight because it has not suffered the experience of the Jews. In the early 30's, many a liberal writer in Europe shrugged off the Jewish apprehensions about Hitler. "Exaggerations," they were told, "can only alienate sympathy." The 40's came to show that the Jewish apprehensions were far short of reality, but it was too late to save those doomed.

In the case of Morocco, of course, mustering world opinion is more difficult because many countries, and particularly the big powers, do not cherish the idea of harassing a nation whose good graces everybody wants to win. The same policy was pursued, for example, by the Egyptians before Sinai, many a time. However, Morocco is not exactly in the same position as Egypt. For the Moroccan "Israel" is more a name than a reality. Moreover, neither with Israel nor with the Jewish community in the world have they any point of conflict — except the fate of 200,000 persons who happen to be Jews.

By allowing free emigration, Morocco can solve some of its internal questions — and gain a good name in the community of nations. The issue is between a natural tendency to exercise her authority to the bitter end — and humanity. One cannot leave a stone unturned in the endeavour that the world — and Morocco — should choose humanity.

Calm After Savage Storm Hits Roads, Rail and Port

Heavy damage to property and disruptions to power lines and transport arteries were caused by yesterday's strong winds and torrential rain, although the latter was unreservedly welcomed by the farmers, particularly in the South and Negev.

The storm blew itself out during the afternoon, and the evening was merely damp. The forecast for today is cloudy with occasional showers. It should clear this afternoon along the coast.

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Damage estimated at \$120,000 was caused to the port extending along Elat harbour. The normally calm sea rushed turbulently 30 metres past the shore line, hurling large stones, disintegrating tin cans, old tires, bits of wood, and jettison accumulated for several years. The angry waves rose to a height of 10 metres.

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JFK Rejects West German Offer of Aid

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He said that the German proposals "in our opinion, do not meet the problem or the opportunity." He clearly indicated in reply to a question that he was not satisfied with the offer, but said that he hoped the two governments "can work out a more satisfactory agreement."

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Our beloved
EMMA WEIDENBAUM
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has passed away quietly.
ERICH WEIDENBAUM
Nahariya, February 8, 1961
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We express our deepest sympathy to our dear colleague, Mr. Erich Weidenbaum on the sudden death of his wife
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GREEK PREMIER TO VISIT U.K.
LONDON (Reuters) — The Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Greece, Mr. Constantinos Karamanlis, will have two meetings for official talks with Prime Minister Harold Macmillan during their good-bye visit here from Monday to Thursday next.

The Foreign Office spokesman said the British and Greek Ministers would be free to raise any subject which interested them.

MEIR SHAHAR TO BUDAPEST POST
POST, Diplomatic Reporter
Mr. Meir Shahar, of Kibbutz Tel-Yosef, is to be appointed Chargé d'Affaires of the Israel Legation in Budapest, and when a new Hungarian Minister to Israel is appointed Mr. Shahar is expected to be named Minister.

He will succeed Mr. Yoram Yaron who was recently appointed Ambassador to the (former French) Congo. Mr. Shahar, former Assistant Director of the Defence Ministry's Youth and Nahal Department, has served his kibbutz as Secretary and Treasurer during several periods.

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